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SCHOOL DIRECTORS IN SESSION.

The Annual Meeting in Bellefonte Last Week one of Interest—Dr. Schaeffer Imparts Information.

The annual meeting of the Directors Association of Centre county was held Wednesday and Thursday of last week in Petrikin Hall, Bellefonte. The writer was able to attend but on Friday, Thursday, during which time information of no little consequence and interest was imparted to directors and the public at large.

"The school and the community" was the title of the subject upon which Dr. J. C. Willis, of Lexington, Kentucky, spoke. It was his purpose to impress the director that the school teacher should be a leader in the community in which he lived and taught; he should be a social, religious, civic and political leader. The speaker was careful to point out that there was a difference between a political and a party leader, and that it was not the last he referred to.

Superintendent Nathan C. Schaeffer's talk on "Recent Legislation," was of great value to the directors present. He made reference to the munificent—fifteen millions of dollars—appropriation by the state for school purposes, which, he said, was the largest sum appropriated by any state in the Union for school purposes.

The new laws referring to Borough and Township High Schools and appropriations for their special benefit, occupied a large portion of his address. There are about three hundred Township High Schools and about five hundred and forty Borough High Schools. There has been set aside \$137,500 for Township High Schools, organized and conducted under the law of 1895.

For the various Borough High Schools there has been appropriated \$275,000. The conditions under which boroughs may participate have been set forth in the columns in the issue of last week, and briefly stated are: The head of the school must in effect be a graduate of a recognized college; the course must be indorsed by the state superintendent, and the work done in the school must be reported under oath at the close of each term. The minimum salary law was a bit of legislation referred to by Dr. Schaeffer. The best calculations that could be made by the department revealed that the increase of salaries occasioned by the passage of this measure summed up \$856,000. One thing he sought to impress upon his hearers was that in order that the districts might profit by this law it was necessary that the teachers be actually paid before the report is sent to the educational department; that a promise that the increased salary would be paid was insufficient. He made reference to some districts in the northern part of the state where school directors contracted with their teachers not to demand increased salary under the minimum salary law until after the district had received the appropriation. He cautioned the directors that such districts could not hope to secure the appropriation, because the board would be obliged to first make oath that the increased salary had already been paid before the district would receive its appropriation. This makes clear the fact that districts must this year pay the increased salary out of funds raised either by a permanent loan or by assessment.

Speaking of the Township High Schools Dr. Schaeffer advocated the study of agriculture in such schools, and that the Agricultural Department at State College had agreed to work out a teachable course for this class of school.

On the vaccination question the speaker said there had been attempts to legislate both for and against the question, but both failed, and the conditions were the same as heretofore on that subject.

Every district, said Dr. Schaeffer, had reason to expect a larger appropriation at the close of the present school year than heretofore. He said that after the deductions for salaries of county superintendents, increased salaries, borough and township high schools, etc., had been made from the fifteen millions appropriated for school purposes, there remained for distribution among the various districts about \$800,000 more than last year.

"School libraries, their value to the school and community," was the subject discussed by Col. D. F. Fortney, the foremost school man in Centre county. He argued that every district should appropriate at least a small sum for books each year, and stated that school boards had ample authority to make such an appropriation.

These officers of the association were elected: President, W. C. Heinle. Vice Presidents, C. T. Fryberger. D. K. Keller. Secretaries, Henry C. Quigley. O. E. Miles.

Thanksgiving supper in Grange Arcadia this (Thursday) evening.

SECOND CHARGE AGAINST FROM.

Caught Stealing Chickens—Had Both Hands Full, States Informant.

Not stealing corn this time, but chickens—all he could carry in both hands—Jacob From was charged with by Mrs. Frances McClenahan. Information against the man was made Friday morning by Mrs. McClenahan, who lives on the Flory place, at the foot of Nittany Mountain, about one hundred rods from From's home.

Mrs. McClenahan is alone at present, her husband, Charles McClenahan, being in the Allegheny Mountains engaged as a watchman for the Spruce Run Park Association. Some time during Friday night, 15th inst., the woman heard a squawking among her chickens roosting on a tree and in the hen-house. From the noises made by the hens and cockerels Mrs. McClenahan concluded some one was bagging the fowls, but she had neither the courage to go to the rescue nor use the defense of a woman—scream. Friday night was a beautiful moonlight night, yet the identity of the man could not be discerned while the operation of plucking the fowls from their roosts was in process. The form, however, was closely watched, and as the woman thought how she had spent many hours and days caring for the fowls, her courage strengthened. A better point of view was selected, and the reward came when the man approached near to her—so near that he was as distinguishable as though it were day light; all doubt was expelled. In the information made before Justice W. B. Mingle, Mrs. McClenahan swore the person she saw carrying from her place all the chickens he could carry in both hands was Jacob From. A warrant was immediately issued for From's arrest, placed in the hands of Constable W. H. Runkle who served it in less than a half-hour's time.

When brought before the justice, From claimed to have no knowledge whatever of the theft, but the evidence against the accused man was so strong, positive and straightforward that bail in the sum of \$500 was demanded for his appearance at Court, Monday, December 2nd. After many futile attempts were made to induce citizens of Centre Hall to sign a bail bond, From proffered a judgment note in the sum named, and when it was discovered that the several thousand dollars worth of real estate held by him was unencumbered, the note was accepted as sufficient security.

Christmas Cards.

A beautiful and varied collection of embossed and colored Christmas cards are now on hand at this office. Price five cents each, when sold singly. Six cards, no two alike, twenty cents; twelve cards, no two alike, thirty cents. These cards will be sent postage prepaid to any address. Home view cards, all different, twelve for forty cents.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Boob, wife of E. W. Boob, deceased, takes this method of returning thanks to her neighbors and friends for kindnesses bestowed during the last illness and subsequent death of her husband.

Wood for Sale.

Frank T. Royer, of Potters Mills, having bought all the top wood on the timber tract of Brislin & Company, on the Bartges farm, is offering it for sale to the consumer. Get prices from him.

89 Monday.

Mrs. Catharine Durst celebrated her eighty-ninth birthday Monday. She was born in Juniata county, but has lived in Centre Hall for many years. May she live many years more.

Rebersburg.

John Noll's horse died last week one day. Russel Frank spent last week with his grandparents, in Sugar Valley. Mrs. Kathryn Meckley, of Millinburg, visited her mother, at this place. Miss Minnie Grenoble, of Madisonburg, is making her home at the hotel here at present.

Mrs. Edwin Nearhood, of Washington, D. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ocker. Mrs. Hettie Showers, of State College, spent some time with her mother, Mrs. Jessie Wert, at this place. Calvin Weaver and wife have just returned home from a week's visit among relatives at Pittsburg and Pitsalrn.

Mrs. Mary Frank, accompanied by her niece, Miss Ethel Harter, spent last week with Mrs. Edwin Bruogart, at Selingsgrove. The hunting party from West Brush Valley passed through here the latter part of last week with a two hundred pound bear, which they killed in the narrows, east of this place.

MEETING OF COUNTY GRANGE.

At Centre Hall, Wednesday, December 4th—The Program.

The last quarterly meeting of the Centre County Pomona Grange will be held in Progress Grange hall, Centre Hall, Wednesday, December 4th. Following is the program: Welcome address by Progress Grange Response, Henry Duck. Appointment of committees. Recitation, Mrs. J. S. Dale.

Discussion—The growth and achievements of the Grange, both generally and locally. James Keller, Christ Alexander.

Report of secretary of Insurance Co. Grange campaign during the winter by the County Grange, and what aid can be secured from the State Grange. J. S. Dale, D. K. Keller.

Recess for dinner. 1:30 p. m. Music. Recitation, Florence Rhone. Report of Encampment Committee. Report of Secretary of Telephone Company.

Report of special committees. Memorial exercises. Improvements needed in the system of keeping accounts of the financial transactions and investments of the County Grange. Hon. L. Rhone. Suggestions for the good of the order. Conferring of 5th degree.

WILLARD DALE, Lecturer.

The Post.

"The Pittsburgh Post" has been steadily progressive in all its activities, until now it is esteemed in the community at its true worth. Its news, its editorials, its illustrations, its advertisements and its circulation all speak its steady advance along legitimate newspaper lines, until now it stands in the very front of American newspapers, recognized all over the country as a clean, broad and honorable newspaper, with the reputation of never intentionally doing any man or institution a wrong, standing always for whatever is for the interests of state and Nation, fearlessly speaking when occasion demands, counseling with its utmost wisdom, and giving its loyal support to worthy men and movements.

LOCALS.

S. Kline Woodring, Esq., has purchased the Cyrus Weaver property on Howard street, Bellefonte.

There is yet much corn to husk. It will require two weeks or more to finish up that part of the farm work.

Keep in mind that the Pink Label will appear in the near future. You may wish to have your label advanced at that time.

Miss Carrie M. Gentzell, of Spring Mills, was in Centre Hall from Saturday until Monday, being the guest of Miss Nellie E. Kerlin.

Miss Cora Brown, of Potters Mills, and Miss Lucas, of Bellefonte, were among those who attended Penna. Day at State College.

Ray Stover, a young trapper of Mill Hall, captured a muskrat along Fishing Creek, that was a freak. It had a tail that was perfectly white.

John T. Noll and assistants, have finished decorating the interior of the Penns Valley bank. The work reflects great credit on the artists.

Sunday was real wintry, snow falling during the greater part of the day. Much of the beautiful melted as it fell, but protected spots indicated that the fall was over one inch.

In a Philadelphia hospital, Prof. I. A. Zeigler, of Hazelton, was operated on for an abscess on the brain. His recovery is anticipated. Prof. Zeigler is a native of Wolfs Store.

Mrs. Lillie Alexander is about to close her home in Centre Hall and go to Pittsburg, where she will remain the greater part of the time until spring with her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Vogt.

As a clerk in the American Auditing Company's office, in New York City, Earl Fleming, formerly of this place, is not experiencing the money panic. His salary was raised the other day.

A report was circulated that one of the members of the family of Miller Goodhart, at Farmers Mills, had been ill of scarlet fever. This is altogether incorrect, as there is no one sick at all in the family named.

The second local Institute District will hold its institute at Boalsburg, December 11th. Prof. H. C. Rothrock is chairman, and he is already at work, and will endeavor to make the coming institute excel both in interest and attendance.

The old Lutheran church at Jacksonville, together with all the furniture and belongings, will be offered at public sale on Saturday, December 7th, owing to the fact that the congregation there has about become extinct. Rev. Fleck, of Zion, and Clement Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte, are the committee in charge.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Paragraphs Picked from Exchanges of Interest to Reporter Readers.

Millheim Journal.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Nieman, Monday morning. Frank Nowe, of Greensburg, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Alter.

Mrs. S. G. Snook, of Philadelphia, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Terresta Stover.

Miss Olivia Shirk, of Laurelton, is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stover.

Mrs. E. B. McMullin and sons, William and Samuel, are visiting friends at Shamokin this week.

Mrs. Mae Loose and son Ralph, and Miss Jenette Kern, of Bellefonte, are spending several days in Millheim.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Spigelmyer spent several days with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Bassler, at Freeburg.

Prof. T. J. Geist, principal of the Millheim schools, is spending this week and the next at his home at Hegins.

Wm. M. Hartman, of Williamsport, arrived in Millheim Saturday to spend several days with his mother, Mrs. R. B. Hartman, who is ill.

Ellis S. Shaeffer, who is the head clerk at the Ward House, Tyrone, was the guest of his brother, U. S. Shaeffer, at Madisonburg.

Frank M. Hartman, who is employed at Sparrows Point, Md., as a moulder, arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hartman, Monday evening.

The entertainment given by a number of children from the Old Fellows' Home, at Sunbury, Wednesday night of last week, in the town hall, was excellent. The attendance was large, and the receipts amounted to \$70.80.

The heating apparatus of the United Evangelical church, in Millheim, having proved inadequate to heat the large auditorium, a new steam heating furnace will be put in soon to replace the old stoves in use at present.

The members of the Ladies' Literary club of Millheim, were pleasantly entertained at the home of one of their number, Mrs. M. A. Sankey, at Potters Mills, on Saturday. They were conveyed to and from their destination by Joseph W. Reifsnnyder.

Democratic Watchman.

J. H. Ward, of Pine Grove Mills, is thinking of leaving that place to go into business in Treverton, Pa., where he has a good opening.

The application of Charles F. Bechtel, of Driftwood, for a license hotel at Beech Creek is being very vigorously opposed by residents of that borough.

Mr. and Mrs. James Poorman, of Pine Grove Mills, will take their leave on the 25th to visit relatives in Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. They will be gone all winter.

Recorder Rowe to be Married.

The marriage of Recorder John C. Rowe and Miss Myra Armstrong is announced to take place December 12th. Miss Armstrong is an Altoona lady where the marriage will occur. Congratulations.

Pension Increases.

Joseph Murray, Sandy Ridge; Daniel Wellar, Julian; Mathias Rider, Gatesburg; George A. Young, Centre Hall; John Miles, Martha; Henry N. Twitmyer, Pleasant Gap; Adam P. Maize, Millheim; Henry Fishel, State College; James G. Tyson, Howard; Robert M. Muser, Philipsburg.

Transfer of Real Estate.

S. W. Waite to Wm. Kerstetter, Aug. 10, 1907; lot in Spring twp. \$62.50.

Richard Crittenden to Eleanor Ardell, et. al., Nov. 1, 1907; premises in Bellefonte, \$4500.

James Mallory's heirs to C. O. Mallory, May 21, 1895; several tracts in Miles twp. \$260.50.

Ambrose C. Bartges, et. ux., to A. E. Bartges, et. al., May 10, 1907; land in Haines twp., et. -1. \$1.

Albert E. Bartges, et. ux., to F. H. Bartges, Nov. 8, 1907; land in Harris twp. \$9000.

S. W. Waite to Myra Kerstetter, Aug. 10, 1907; lot in Spring twp. \$62.50.

R. F. Fetterolf, ex'r., to G. C. King, Aug. 24, 1907; 69 perches in Spring Mills. \$65.

Sarah E. Phillips, et. bar., to G. C. King, Sept. 10, 1906; 91 perches in Spring Mills. \$375.

Wm. Auman to G. C. King, Sept. 18, 1906; lot in Spring Mills. \$150.

Geo. S. Frank, ex'r., to W. S. Breen, March 30, 1907; 3 tracts of land containing 69 acres 347 perches in Penn twp. \$8107.60.

Geo. S. Frank, ex'r. to Annie Keen, March 30, 1907; premises in Millheim. \$700.

Wm. Kramer, et. ux., to Henry Suavey, April 6, 1907; 6 acres 11 perches in Penn twp. \$32.

Frances T. McEntire, et. bar., to B. Weber Thomas, Nov. 7, 1907; lots 20-30, 31-31j in Howard boro. \$525.

Rev. B. F. Bieber Installed.

The services incident to the installation of Rev. B. F. Bieber as pastor of the Centre Hall Lutheran church were interesting and impressive, and was the first installment of a minister according to Lutheran customs in the church life of many of the members who braved the weather to witness the ceremonies.

The charge to the people was delivered by Rev. A. A. Parr, who has had eighteen years experience in the ministry, divided among two charges, his former charge having been in York county, and the present one Lock Haven. Rev. Parr gave his hearers much good, practical advice and admonition. He has had the good fortune, judging from his remarks, to have been stationed among people willing to have been led by his teaching and preaching, and consequently could see some good in the people who made up the church roll.

The sermon contained utterances that placed the churchman on the common level; there was no attempt to at all times represent him in the very depths of degradation; the churchman was regarded as human, and yet the duty of the church members toward their pastor was set forth in rugged plainness. The charge to the pastor was made by Rev. J. M. Rearick, of Salona, who pointed out the many trials in the minister's life; the unkind spirit often manifested toward him; and the church member who advises was scored and the young pastor cautioned against accepting such advice.

The officers and congregation in turn pledged themselves to support the pastor, both in a financial and moral way, as set forth in a beautiful ceremony peculiar to the Lutheran church.

In the evening Rev. Parr filled the appointment in Georges Valley and Rev. Rearick at the Union.

Keith's Theatre.

This is a gala week at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, there having been an unusually large and interesting bill arranged for the Thanksgiving season. Robert Hilliard and a strong company are playing a triumphant return in "As a Man Sows." A trio of novelties are Belle Blanche, impersonator of stage celebrities; Vinie Daly, prettiest dancer in the varieties, and Urban and his assistant, the boy athlete. Two of the daintiest girl acts in America are "The Human Flags," a gorgeous patriotic fantasy, and Dan Burke and his school girls. A special feature is Gennaro's Venetian Gondolier band, in a grand classic and popular repertoire. A grand added attraction, the Empire City Four, the most popular vocal quartette in the world of the varieties today.

Bank Office Remodeled.

To be in keeping with the soundness of the institution, the Penns Valley Banking Company has had the interior of the bank remodeled, and now its offices are as pretty and convenient as any in the county. Every part of the interior was given a thorough overhauling, and good taste was displayed in selecting the colors in paper, paint and carpet. Cashier Mingle's private office is handsomely finished and neatly furnished. The grill work in the main portion of the bank makes it a more pleasant and convenient office for the cashier and his assistant, Chas. D. Bartholomew, and the many customers of the bank are pleased to note the indications of prosperity.

Picturesque Pennsylvania.

Do you believe that Pennsylvania is one of the most attractive states, as well as the richest in mineral wealth? The Philadelphia Record does. It is devoting a page of its Sunday Magazine to "Picturesque Pennsylvania," in which from Sunday to Sunday will be presented the most striking, charming and attractive features of the natural scenery of the state, in which it is unrivalled.

Failed to Register Births.

Dr. Austin Best, a Dauphin county physician, pleaded guilty before a Harrisburg magistrate to violation of the act requiring physicians to make return of birth to local registers of the state health department. In nineteen cases the pleas were accepted and dropped on payment of \$70 and costs and on the twentieth it was returned to court, where Dr. Best will plead guilty.

Brush Valley Farms Sold.

The Emanuel Harter farm, in Brush Valley, was sold at public sale by the executors to W. W. Hackman, of Rebersburg, for \$5,500. The farm consists of about 133 acres. The Elijah Burd farm, which adjoins the Harter farm, was purchased recently by O. W. Weaver, of Wolfs Store, for \$4,521, which price includes the grain in the ground.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The frame work of the tenement house on the E. M. Huyett farm, west of Centre Hall, is up.

Al. Bradford, who was operated on at a Philadelphia hospital for appendicitis two weeks ago, is improving.

Hay is quoted at a high price in the city markets, but there is little demand for the long feed by the buyers.

Andrew Gregg, an employee of the Pennsylvania Telephone Company, had a Bell telephone placed in his residence.

After several days' stay in Centre Hall, Miss Bertha Bieber, sister of Rev. B. F. Bieber, returned to her home near Milton.

Elias Heckman, of Orangeville, Illinois, is in Centre county, and is making his headquarters with his brother, ex-Commissioner Daniel Heckman, in Bellefonte.

Rev. E. H. Leisenring has accepted a call from the Lutheran church at Middleburg. He resigned the pastorate at Chambersburg, and will take charge of his new field January 1st.

December court is not coming too early in the month to suit the poultry men in Centre Hall. There is also a likelihood of a falling off in the local demand for hams and hedges after the court period.

The speed for the automobile in the county seat is ten miles an hour. This information for the autoists from Centre Hall who might exceed the limit while under the eye of the brass button men in Bellefonte.

Mrs. J. M. Rearick, of Salona, accompanied Rev. Rearick on his mission to Centre Hall, to assist in the installation services held in the Lutheran church Sunday. Rev. and Mrs. Rearick were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Brungart.

The real Santa Claus must have come straight from his toy-shop to pose for the cover which J. C. Leyendecker, has painted for the Christmas number of the Circle. Printed in four colors, it is one of the most attractive covers of the holiday season.

Elmer E. Houtz, of Linden Hall, was a pleasant caller Saturday morning. He had just finished husking one of the best fields of corn in that section of Harris township, the quality also being superior. This result is due largely to the fact that he is operating a small farm and is getting the best results.

Large numbers of foreigners are leaving the industrial centers for their homes in the various countries from which they immigrated. Should the finances of the country become normal next month it would require at least a month before the wheels of industry could be speeded up to where they were before the slump.

During Thursday afternoon's session the Centre county school teachers had presented to them in the most forceful manner the evil of intemperance in a talk by Dr. Willis, a Kautskian, on the subject "Moral Training." His chief illustration was of such a character that it must have left a lasting impression on the natural son and natural father.

Tuesday Drover Mitterling shipped a car load of milch cows to the eastern market. He does much actual buying over the telephone, so when you see him in your field looking over your cattle, you can make up your mind that he is making a price he will offer you over the wire for the family cow when she is ready for market some time in the future.

Pick up what paper you may, and you will find there something on local option, or on the temperance wave sweeping over the country. In this matter the newspapers are simply reflecting public sentiment; when there was no public sentiment for local option or temperance, the newspapers, as a rule, were silent. The man who now aids the rum traffic in any phase whatever by leading his name and influence is wholly out of adjustment with the present day sentiment.

The early training of youth is not easily forgotten, no matter be this training social, religious, political or what. This is demonstrated by the many young men who went out from Penns Valley, always the mainstay of Democracy in Centre county, and carried with them the political principles instilled in them in their youth, and now it is not infrequent because of this early training that the Reporter records honors bestowed upon these faithful ones. Reference is here made to the reception, December 6th, at Freeport, Illinois, by the Stephenson County Democratic Club, to be given in honor of William Jennings Bryan, the first two on the committee being Prof. Cyrus Grove and Hon. P. O. Stiver.